

3 October 1952

Mr. Richard D. Marriott  
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Dear Marriott:

I agree with your suggestion of 16 September that we should explore the possibility of filling any gaps in Eastern European coverage by monitoring at Frankfurt or Vienna. Preliminary tests have not been terribly encouraging, but I think it a good idea that Belosselsky take a look at the two bureaus. I am writing Hoffmann and Holf to expect him and am asking them to inform me of any observations he may make on the spot.

I would appreciate it if you can send me a list of the Eastern European broadcasts unsatisfactorily received at Caversham with an indication of their reception rating, preferably in terms of the symbols defined on the cover page of the FBIS coverage lists. As a matter of fact, it would enable me to take some initiative in closing coverage gaps if your periodic coverage lists could as standard practice indicate reception rating on all bulletins after the fashion of the FBIS lists.

Sincerely,

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cc: Chief, London Bureau

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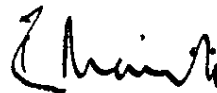
Dear Seely,

Thank you for your two letters of 4th and 5th September. I myself am just about to go on leave for three weeks so I will not comment on your proposed agenda or make any suggestions of my own until I return.

There is just one matter I would like to raise now. One of the points that I may suggest for discussion in Washington is to see whether we can arrange any system of closer co-operation with your Frankfurt and Vienna bureaux. It occurs to us that if we could have the same sort of interchange that we have with Cyprus - on a much smaller scale of course - we might usefully be able to extend our joint coverage of Eastern Europe.

Would you have any objection to someone like Belosselsky going over for a quick visit of inspection of both places sometime between now and the date of our meeting? I think it would give us a clearer idea of what, if anything, could usefully be achieved.

Yours sincerely,



R. D. Marriott

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